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## Current Intelligence Analysis

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### COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

#### Program Drawn for Railroad Industry Campaign

An elaborate program has been drawn up for use in conjunction with the Party's determination to expand its influence in the railroad industry. It was formulated by Party delegates from four states who met in Chicago recently. The program is built on a series of demands for shorter hours, more pay, and improved working conditions. Ralph Turner, a member of the Party's national committee who is employed in the railroad industry, is to present the proposed program at the next meeting of the national committee, with a recommendation that a national campaign based on the program be financed and organized.

#### Steel Industry Is Also Target

The Party plans to hold a similar meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, the latter part of September, 1958, to organize its activity in the steel industry. Maximum security precautions have been enforced to protect the exact date, time, and place of the meeting; however, to date, it appears that Party representatives from Cleveland, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, and Gary, Indiana, will attend.

#### Party May Begin Series of Lecture Tours

The Party may institute a series of lecture tours as part of its plan to re-establish educational work on a national scale. The proposal was made last week at a meeting in New York City of the Party's national educational committee. Hyman Lumer, the Party's educational director, proposed the tours, declaring that they would be the perfect response to the wide interest which has been evidenced lately in Party forums.



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Youth Group Avows Revolutionary Nature

The American Socialist Youth organization, which was recently formed in Chicago with the approval of Party leaders, has avowed itself to be revolutionary in nature. At a recent meeting, a spokesman addressing the group declared that all present were social revolutionaries who would participate if a revolution occurred in this country. This met with no dissent. The group decided that members will pay monthly dues of fifty cents, members of the executive committee will pay one dollar, and unemployed members will pay what they can afford.

Trotskyite Group May Exploit West Coast Dispute

Burt Nelson, west coast Party functionary, has appealed to Eugene Dennis, the Party's national secretary, to intervene in an effort to settle the dispute still raging as a result of Terry Pettus' resignation from the Party. Support continues to grow for the former northwest editor of the west coast communist newspaper, People's World, who resigned in protest over the forcible eviction of a group of Socialist Workers Party (SWP) members from a communist-sponsored picnic in July, 1958. The SWP national office, meanwhile, is considering a proposal to send six members from Los Angeles to Seattle to exploit the situation and bring Pettus into the SWP orbit. The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Party Fete at Carnegie Hall

The Party will celebrate its 39th anniversary with an affair at Carnegie Hall in New York City on September 26, 1958. Functionaries of the New York State Party organization, who met recently to discuss the affair, plan to feature high lights of the Party's history since 1938, in a dramatic skit with musical accompaniment. Means taken to advertise the affair include the printing of 25,000 leaflets, as well as letters sent requesting greetings from every communist party in the world.



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### COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

#### Party Seeks To Coordinate Midwest Activities

Party leaders are planning to organize a new Midwest liaison committee to coordinate political activities as well as activities in the steel, automobile, and packing industries in that area. Robert Thompson, executive secretary of the Party, went to Chicago last week to discuss the matter with Party functionaries there. The committee would be comprised of leading Party members from approximately seven Midwestern states who would meet occasionally to correlate activities. The committee would not assume the area responsibilities of the Party's national committee, nor would it be associated with the national committee, but it would be invested with a degree of authority.

#### New Party Youth Group Planned

Party leaders also hope to establish a new national Marxist-Leninist youth organization. In this regard, Party leaders are planning to organize a meeting in each Party district, to be followed by three regional meetings, one on the east coast, one in the Midwest, and one on the west coast, of individuals presently active in various youth sections of the Party. The new youth group, as conceived by Party leaders, would be distinct from any present mass organization or teen-age group.

#### Recruitment Campaign To Start in Washington State

Party members in Washington State are preparing to launch an extensive recruitment campaign for the period from September 15 to December 15, 1958. The objectives will be to influence 500 "new people"



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who can be recruited into "mass work"; to secure 200 of these as subscribers to the west coast communist newspaper, People's World; to develop 100 of the 200 for participation in open discussion groups; and to recruit 25 of the 100 as Party members. In conjunction with the campaign, three trade-union commissions are to be organized and are to work under the guidance of a national labor secretary of the Party.

#### National Executive Committee To Meet Soon

Party leaders have decided to hold the next meeting of the national executive committee in New York City on the weekend of September 20, 1958. They plan to wait until after the November elections to hold the next meeting of the national committee. They have also agreed that the next national convention should not be held before May or June, 1959. Supporters of the ultraleft faction are demanding a national convention as soon as possible, but Party leaders are determined to prevent it until the position of the ultraleft faction within the Party has been clarified.

#### Provisional Committee Organizing Operations

The Provisional Committee to Reconstitute the Communist Party, USA, is moving swiftly to coordinate its operations. The group, which recently withdrew from the Party and adopted its new name, plans to organize a New York State organization soon, establish classes on Marxism-Leninism, and issue its own publication. The leaders of this ultraleft group are seeking to locate their national headquarters in New York City. At a recent group meeting, they exhibited a rough draft of a newspaper captioned The Marxist-Leninist Vanguard, which may become the official publication of the group.

#### Trotskyite Group Initiates Fund Drive

The Socialist Workers Party (SWP), jubilantly claiming a membership growth of approximately fifteen percent since January, 1958, is conducting a drive to secure funds for expanded activities. In a letter prepared for all branch organizers and national committee members, SWP leaders stated the drive would cover the period from September through November, 1958. The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

Party Aims To Penetrate Railroad Industry

Party members plan to meet in Chicago on September 6, 1958, to lay the groundwork for a campaign to intensify the Party's influence in the railroad industry. Several delegates from the east coast intend to travel to Chicago for the conference, which has been organized by the Party's railroad committee there. Ralph Turner, a member of the Party's National Committee who is employed in the railroad industry, is playing a prominent role in organizing the affair. Stringent security measures have been adopted to provide secrecy for the meeting, even to the extent of withholding from the delegates the location of the conference until the day of the meeting. Indications are that several top Party functionaries from the Chicago area will attend.

New Chicago Socialist Youth Group Formed

Party leaders have put their stamp of approval on a newly organized socialist youth group in Chicago. Named the American Socialist Youth, the group plans to meet monthly hereafter for the stated purpose of gathering, learning, and exchanging ideas on socialism and social reform. Several Party members were most active in forming the new group, which plans to organize activity in Rockford, Illinois, in addition to Chicago.

Party To Launch Slogan Campaign

The Party is preparing to launch a slogan campaign dealing with the present world situation, placing the blame for increased international tension on the United States. In Illinois, the Party is preparing widespread distribution of stickers bearing slogans, such as "A Summit Meeting Now!" and "Dulles Is Again Leading Us to the Brink of War," which can be pasted on automobiles, factory bulletin boards, buildings, and similar places.



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Ultraleft Leaders Ignore Party's Charges

A trial board of the Party met in New York City last week to consider charges of factionalist activity made against Armando Roman and Angel Torres. The two now hold leading positions in the group organized recently by the ultraleft faction and named the Provisional Committee to Reconstitute the Communist Party, USA. They ignored the Party's invitation to be present at the hearing, and the board announced it would render its decision in the matter, September 11, 1958. The three local leaders of the ultraleft who were called to answer similar charges in Philadelphia likewise did not appear. They were ordered to cease further factionalist activity and to complete certain fund-raising tasks within thirty days as evidence of their loyalty.

Factionalism Dispute Grows in Seattle

Party activities in the Seattle area are being disrupted by the growing factional dispute between Terry Pettus and Party functionaries there. Many Party members are supporting Pettus, formerly the northwest editor of the west coast communist newspaper, People's World, who resigned from the Party in protest over the forcible eviction of a group of Socialist Workers Party (SWP) members from a communist-sponsored picnic in July, 1958. Several members have followed Pettus' example and have resigned from the Party. Others are flooding the office of the People's World in San Francisco with letters protesting the treatment of Pettus. The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Party To Exploit Wilson Case for Propaganda

The Party plans to exploit for propaganda purposes the case of Jimmy Wilson, Alabama Negro sentenced to death for robbing an 82-year-old white widow of \$1.95. In various parts of the country, Party functionaries are organizing clemency campaigns. The Party plans to use Wilson's case, along with others, in the petition it proposes to send to the General Assembly of the United Nations concerning the mistreatment and the denial of rights of Negroes in the United States.

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### COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

#### Ultraleft Group Adopts New Name

The ultraleft faction, which recently voted to withdraw from the Party and to organize a new communist movement, has designated itself the Provisional Committee to Reconstitute the Communist Party, USA. In addition to the national officers elected by the group at a conference in New York City recently, a steering committee was also elected. Local officers are to be elected by the various state groups. When these elections are complete, a national convention will be held.

#### Group Bidding for Soviet Support

The leaders of the new party are making a strong bid for Soviet support. They are anxiously awaiting the return of a spokesman for the group who is in Europe at the present time seeking recognition and aid for their movement. They are confident that their espousal of bolder action by communists in this country in accordance with the revolutionary concepts of Marxism-Leninism will result in recognition by the Soviets of their group as the true communist movement in this country.

#### Party Leaders Concerned

Party leaders are concerned by what they feel are the conclusive results achieved by the ultraleft group at the recent conference. The Party plans to take swift action in retribution against those who participated in the conference. The general feeling at the present time is that the Party should move to expel the leaders of the ultraleft group and make a strong effort to rehabilitate the rank-and-file followers. In Philadelphia, three local leaders of the ultraleft faction already have been called to answer formal charges brought against them because of their activities.

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Davis Election Campaign Progress Pleases Party

Party leaders in New York State are encouraged by the progress Benjamin Davis is making in his election campaign. Davis, a member of the Party's national committee, is running for State senator as the candidate of the People's Rights Party (PRP). At a meeting of Party functionaries on August 19, 1958, Davis reported that the Party had obtained 1,089 signatures in the drive for 4,000 on a petition to insure that his name will appear on the ballot in the November, 1958, elections. William L. Patterson, general manager of The Worker, declared that Davis' campaign should be considered a national campaign by the Party and stated that the Negro press in other cities should be mobilized to back Davis.

Party May Petition United Nations Assembly

Party leaders are considering a proposal that a petition be presented to the General Assembly of the United Nations regarding racial conditions in the South. The proposal was made by Patterson, who also recommended that a picket line be established at the same time at United Nations headquarters. Robert Thompson, a member of the Party's national committee, suggested that the petition could be timed to coincide with the opening of schools in the South in the event the Administration fails to take action to uphold the court order for integration.

Party Organizing Campaign To Free Green and Winston

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, national field organizer for the Party, is leading a movement to organize a new amnesty campaign for imprisoned Party leaders Gil Green and Henry Winston. A letter prepared by Flynn is being circulated within the Party requesting members to write to the United States Board of Parole pleading for parole or amnesty for the two, both of whom will be eligible for parole this fall.



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### COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

#### Ultraleft Faction Votes To Form New Party

At an ultraleft national conference held in New York City, August 16-17, 1958, the ultraleft faction of the Party voted to withdraw from the Party and to organize a new communist party. Armando Roman, ultraleft leader from New York City, charged in his main report that the current Party is not a true Marxist-Leninist party and is under the control of "revisionist conciliators." This action by the ultraleft is the culmination of many months of factional activity on a nationwide basis. In their program, the ultraleft leaders had urged the Party to sponsor its own candidates in the 1958 elections and to call another Party national convention in the near future to reconstitute the Party as a bona fide Marxist-Leninist organization. Ultraleft members had refused to contribute to the Party's fund-raising drive or to solicit additional subscriptions to The Worker. The vote to withdraw from the Party follows a statement last week by the Party's national executive committee demanding the expulsion of those individuals responsible for leading the ultraleft factional activity and for calling the faction's national conference. No name has been chosen for the new organization formed at the conference. Roman was elected general secretary and Joseph Dougher, of Philadelphia, was named one of Roman's assistants.

#### Party Distributing Pamphlet on New Program

Preliminary copies of a Party pamphlet entitled The American Road to Socialism--Program Questions are being distributed to Party members. The pamphlet is designed to elicit comment in connection with points to be covered in developing a new national Party program. Points for discussion included in the pamphlet are problems of American society, the fight for peace, the defense of democracy, and the labor movement. The Party has set November 15, 1958, as the deadline for submission of reports or articles on the various points set forth in the pamphlet. The views thus expressed will then be used in drafting a final version of the Party's national program to be ready in May, 1959.



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House Committee Hearings in California To Be Attacked

The Southern California district of the Party plans to attack hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) scheduled to be held in Los Angeles this week. The strategy will be to condemn the hearings as an attempt to smear labor unions and Negroes, because of the labor representatives and Negroes called to appear at the hearings. Dorothy Healey and Charlene Mitchell, who are publicly known as Party officials, will admit Party membership to the HCUA but will claim protection of the Fifth Amendment if asked to name other Party members. It is planned that other Party members appearing at the hearings will not reveal Party membership and will also invoke the Fifth Amendment.

Illinois District Resumes Party Publication

The Party's Illinois district has resumed preparation and distribution of a publication designed for Party circles. The August, 1958, issue of The Party Forum is the first issue distributed since December, 1956. Recently, Party districts in Missouri and Ohio began to distribute their own inner-Party publications.

MARXIST SPLINTER GROUP ACTIVITY

Marxist Group Leaders Pleased by Merger Vote

Leaders of the Independent Socialist League (ISL) are reportedly pleased over the recent vote in the Socialist Party-Social Democratic Federation (SP-SDF) in favor of uniting the two groups. The margin of only 30 votes in a total of over 600 indicates a factional dispute in the SP-SDF, according to ISL leader Max Shachtman. Shachtman feels that if the SP-SDF should split over the merger, the ISL will be in an excellent position to assume control of the majority of SP-SDF members who voted in favor of the merger. The Young Socialist League, closely associated with the ISL, will dissolve itself at a national convention in New York City on August 28, 1958. It will then join with the Young Peoples Socialist League, youth organization of the SP-SDF, in a joint unity convention to be held August 30-31, 1958, in New York City. The ISL was recently deleted from the list of organizations designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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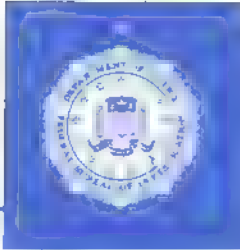
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### COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

#### Party Concentrating on Middle East Situation

Most Party activity at the present time is concentrated on attempting to exploit the current situation in the Middle East. The Party's national office has instructed all Party districts to continue the distribution of locally prepared leaflets and copies of The Worker, whose circulation has increased over 1,000 copies during the past month. All Party districts have also been directed to support protest demonstrations organized by noncommunist organizations. Party propaganda in connection with the current situation in the Middle East is demanding the immediate recall of American and British troops from Lebanon and Jordan respectively.

#### Ultraleft Conference May Lead to Withdrawal from Party

The nationwide conference of the ultraleft faction is scheduled to be held in New York City, August 16-17, 1958. Ultraleft leaders in New York City and Philadelphia have now decided that a split between their faction and the rest of the Party is unavoidable. The ultraleft leaders are convinced that it will not be possible for them to oust the present Party leaders and reorganize the Party from within into what they consider to be a true Marxist-Leninist vanguard group. The expulsion of individual ultraleft members from the Party is forcing the ultraleft leaders to decide whether to permit these expulsions to continue or to withdraw from the Party in a body and establish the nucleus of another Marxist-Leninist party. Ultraleft leaders in New York City and Philadelphia feel that this issue must be discussed at the ultraleft conference and are prepared to urge an organized withdrawal of ultraleft members from the Party.

#### Arrangements Progressing for Celebration of Party's 39th Anniversary

Party leaders have arranged to rent Carnegie Hall in New York City on September 26, 1958, for a mass meeting to celebrate the 39th

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anniversary of the founding of the Party in the United States. In connection with this celebration, Party leaders plan to hold a special three-month discussion period, during which special emphasis will be placed on the history and achievements of the Party in this country.

Benjamin Davis To Run for New York State Senate

Party leaders in New York State have finally decided that Benjamin Davis, a member of the Party's national committee, will run for State senator as the candidate of the People's Rights Party (PRP). A campaign is now in progress to solicit 4,000 signatures to a petition to insure that his name will appear on the ballot in the November, 1958, elections. In his campaign, Davis plans to stress the issues of peace and an end to the testing of nuclear weapons, unemployment, and racial segregation. In spite of a public appeal from the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) for communist support for the full slate of candidates of the Independent Socialist Party (ISP), Party leaders still plan to support only Corliss Lamont, ISP candidate for United States Senator. The PRP and the SWP have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SWP behind Visit of Member of English Parliament

Harold Davies, a Laborite member of Parliament in Great Britain, is scheduled to arrive in the United States on August 14, 1958, for a nationwide tour "in behalf of socialism." His trip was arranged by Farrell Dobbs, national chairman of the SWP, while Dobbs was in England earlier this year. Davies' tour is ostensibly being sponsored by the American Forum for Socialist Education (AFSE), but most of the arrangements are being handled by the SWP. Davies is scheduled to address a rally of the ISP at Wingdale, New York, on August 15, 1958; a mass rally in Los Angeles on August 22, 1958; and another major meeting in New York City during the latter part of September, 1958. At these meetings and in other smaller meetings during his tour, Davies plans to discuss the need for ending the testing of nuclear weapons. The AFSE was organized in May, 1957, to promote nationwide discussion of the problems of socialism in the United States.



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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

Foster Suffers Relapse

Chairman Emeritus William Z. Foster has suffered a relapse. He had been recuperating slowly but satisfactorily from a cerebral hemorrhage which he suffered in October, 1957. He is still at Crompond, New York, where he is spending his summer vacation, but he is now confined to his cottage and is not permitted to have any visitors. Foster's analysis of the current situation within the Party has now been made available to all members of the national committee, as he had previously requested.

Northwest Editor of People's World Resigns from Party

Terry Pettus, northwest editor of the west coast communist newspaper, People's World, has resigned from the Party. His resignation was submitted in protest over the forcible eviction of a group of Socialist Workers Party (SWP) members from a communist-sponsored picnic held on July 4, 1958, near Kent, Washington, to raise funds for the paper. The northwest edition of the July 12, 1958, issue of People's World carried an editorial which apologized for the incident. The Washington district board demanded that Pettus write a retraction of the editorial apology, and he refused to comply. While Pettus would like to continue as northwest editor of the paper, this question has not yet been decided by officials of the paper in San Francisco and Party leaders in Washington. The SWP has condemned the "gang assault" at the picnic as a "return to Stalinist hooliganism." The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Political Conference Planned in California

Holland Roberts has issued a call for a state-wide California conference to be held in San Francisco during the latter part of September, 1958.



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The purpose of this conference will be to work out arrangements for united independent political activity in future California elections. Committees to handle publicity and finances are now being organized, and every effort will be made to assure the broadest possible sponsorship for this conference. Roberts, who was not publicly identified as a communist, ran for election as State Superintendent of Public Instruction in the June, 1958, primary elections in California. He ran on a nonpartisan ticket as a socialist coalition candidate and received almost 400,000 votes. The Party and the SWP, which also supported Roberts' campaign, were highly pleased at the results.

#### Party Disciplining Ultraleft Members

Four members of the ultraleft faction in Chicago have been expelled from the Party by the Illinois district committee for factionalist activities. Joseph Dougher, ultraleft leader in Philadelphia, has been suspended from the district committee of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware. Armando Roman and Angel Torres, ultraleft leaders in New York City, feel certain that action to expel them from the Party will be initiated in the near future. The ultraleft leaders are continuing their preparations for a nationwide conference of their supporters and are hoping that approximately 200 members of the ultraleft faction will attend.

#### Party Supporting Seventh World Youth Festival

Party members are being urged to promote the organization of a representative American delegation to attend the Seventh World Youth Festival. This event is scheduled to be held in Vienna from July 26 through August 4, 1959, and its theme will be "peace and friendship." Preparatory committees in New York City and Los Angeles have been sending news releases regarding the Festival to youth groups throughout the country. Publicity regarding American participation in the Festival has stressed that this medium of cultural exchange will afford an opportunity to demonstrate various aspects of American life to the youth of the rest of the world. Efforts are now in progress to hold a nationwide conference in order to elect a permanent delegate to the International Preparatory Committee in Moscow.

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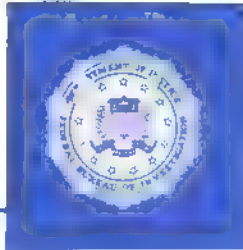
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July 30, 1958

### COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

#### Middle East Crisis Stimulates Party Activity

The landing of the United States marines in Lebanon has galvanized the Party into widespread protest activity. In New York City, Party members picketed the headquarters of the United Nations. William Albertson, who was recently elected to the Party's national committee, commented that with this action the Party was "showing its face" for the first time in several years. In Los Angeles, Party members participated in a picket line around the Federal Building. Party districts in Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Eastern Pennsylvania, and Northern and Southern California distributed locally prepared leaflets demanding the immediate recall of American troops from the Middle East. The Northern and Southern California districts are planning to sponsor a protest rally in Los Angeles on August 4, 1958. Eugene Dennis has instructed other Party leaders to stress this topic in their speeches before Party groups and in their contacts with noncommunists. The August, 1958, issue of the Party's theoretical publication, Political Affairs, will include a special article on the Middle East by Herbert Aptheker, the editor. All districts have been instructed to advise the Party's national headquarters of any protests by noncommunists against the dispatch of United States troops to the Middle East, so that these protests can be exploited in the Party's propaganda organs. Party members are being urged to work through noncommunist organizations in an effort to bring pressure to bear on President Eisenhower and United States Senators for the immediate recall of United States troops from Lebanon.

#### Party Working Out Plans for 1958 Elections

Party leaders have decided to give the Party's full support to Corliss Lamont, who is running for election as United States Senator from

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New York on a united socialist ticket. Lamont has been a generous contributor to communist causes for many years. However, the Party will not support the other candidates on the united socialist ticket, because Party leaders feel that the decision to run a full slate of candidates was a tactical error. In addition, the Party is offering its full support to the campaign of Representative Adam Clayton Powell for re-election to the United States House of Representatives. Powell, a Negro clergyman, was refused the nomination of the Democratic Party. Benjamin Davis and Charles Loman, two of the Party's Negro leaders, have been temporarily relieved of their Party responsibilities, so that they may concentrate on Powell's campaign. Party leaders expect to decide in the near future whether or not Davis will run for some public office in New York State in the forthcoming elections. Davis has already agreed to run (although he realizes that he will undoubtedly be defeated) because of the possibilities his campaign would offer to bring the Party's views on national and international affairs to the attention of noncommunists.

#### Ultraleft Leaders Plan Nationwide Meeting

Leaders of the ultraleft faction are planning to hold a nationwide meeting of their followers. While no definite date or place has been set, present indications are that this meeting will probably take place in New York City during August, 1958. Members of the ultraleft faction have also been intensifying their opposition to the Party's present leaders. In addition to emphasizing theoretical differences, members of the ultraleft faction are now charging the current Party leaders with misappropriating sizeable sums of money during the period from 1951 to 1955, when the Party was operating largely underground.

#### Party Planning To Celebrate 39th Anniversary

Party leaders are beginning to make preparations for the celebration of the Party's 39th anniversary, September 1, 1958. In New York City, efforts are being made to rent Carnegie Hall for a mass rally to commemorate the founding of the Party in the United States.



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### Ultraleft Faction Claims 500 Supporters

Leaders of the ultraleft faction of the Party now claim the support of approximately 500 current Party members and are hopeful of doubling their strength in the near future. Joseph Dougher, one of the ultraleft leaders in the Philadelphia area, recently visited Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, and New York City in order to coordinate the activities of ultraleft members in those areas and to enlist additional support. Members of the ultraleft faction have been refusing to contribute to the Party's current fund-raising drive. While they are renewing their own subscriptions to The Worker, they are not soliciting any additional subscriptions to the paper. Moreover, any funds they raise are used to finance their own activities. They are, however, paying their dues in order to remain in the Party. In Chicago, the members of the ultraleft faction who are being threatened with expulsion have refused to appear before the special trial board which was appointed to hear their case. They are refusing on the ground that they should be tried by their own club.



## Ultraleft and Right-Wing Leaders May Face Expulsion

The Party's national leaders are seriously considering the need for disciplinary action against the leaders of both the ultraleft and the right-wing factions. Thus far, Party leaders have been reluctant to resort to expelling the dissidents on a large scale, because such action would afford the factional leaders an additional forum for expounding their views. However, the activities of these factional groups are causing increasing concern, and the possibility is growing that expulsion proceedings may be initiated against selected individual leaders of both the ultraleft and the right-wing factions.

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Jefferson Book-Shop, Inc., To Remain at Present Location

The Party's national leaders have now decided not to move the Jefferson Book-Shop, Inc., into the same building that Party headquarters occupy. The bookstore is one of the principal Party literature outlets in the New York City area. The original decision to move the store was adopted as an economy measure, since the subsidy to maintain it at the present location, 100 East 16th Street, New York City, amounts to \$200 a month. The members of the educational department of the New York State Party organization argued successfully that the store would lose considerable patronage by noncommunists if it were moved into the same building that houses the Party's headquarters.

FRONT GROUP ACTIVITY

Executive Clemency for Morton Sobell To Be Stressed

Officials of the communist-influenced National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee see little hope in further legal action to gain the release of Morton Sobell from prison. Instead, they plan to concentrate on bringing pressure to bear on President Eisenhower to grant Sobell executive clemency. Sobell is now serving a 30-year prison term after his conviction for conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. Sobell's wife Helen plans to visit Mexico in the near future in an effort to uncover additional information regarding the alleged kidnaping of her husband. Sobell was forced to leave Mexico by Mexican authorities in August, 1950, and he was arrested in Laredo, Texas, when he crossed the border. Communist propaganda has attempted to exploit this incident by claiming that Sobell was kidnaped.

MARXIST SPLINTER GROUP ACTIVITY

Marxist Group Dropped from List of Subversive Organizations

Officials of the Independent Socialist League (ISL) are jubilant over the deletion of the group from the list of organizations designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. However, they are somewhat concerned over the outcome of the referendum now in progress in the Socialist Party-Social Democratic Federation (SP-SDF) on the proposed merger of the two groups. Several SP-SDF leaders are opposed and have threatened to resign if the merger is approved. ISL leaders are now contacting leaders of the SP-SDF who are opposed to the merger in an effort to persuade them to change their views.

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### COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

#### Foster Analyzes Party

Chairman Emeritus William Z. Foster recently completed an evaluation of the current status of the Party. He feels that, during the past several months, the Party has made considerable progress in overcoming its present difficulties. He claims that the gradual weakening of the right-wing faction has improved the Marxist-Leninist orientation of the entire Party. While Foster still considers revisionism, typified in the views of the right wing, as the main danger, he also warns that the ultraleft faction represents a serious danger. In Foster's view, the over-all policy adopted at the Party's 16th National Convention was correct. However, the right wing had sufficient strength at the convention to secure the inclusion of some of its revisionist views on both theoretical and tactical questions. Foster urges that the draft program now in preparation correct these errors. He points out that the key to a resurgence of Party influence is a revival of mass activity on such issues as unemployment and Negro rights. Foster sees this as the best method of reactivating those former members who, while still sympathetic to the Party, are "disoriented politically." Foster predicts that, in this manner, the Party will develop into a "militant progressive, Marxist-Leninist Party, international in spirit," which will become "an even more powerful factor in the class struggle."

#### Party Leaders Holding Back Foster's Comments

Foster has already submitted his analysis to the Party's national leaders. However, thus far, he has been unable to persuade them to make a copy of his evaluation available to all members of the

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national committee. Foster continues his slow improvement from the effects of the cerebral hemorrhage he suffered in October, 1957. Since then, his Party activity, outside of his writings, has been limited to occasional visits by other Party leaders for discussions on current developments in the Party. Foster is now vacationing at Crompond, New York, where he plans to spend the rest of the summer.

National Committee Approves Six Officers

At its recent meeting the national committee officially approved six officers. These include Eugene Dennis, national secretary; Robert Thompson, executive secretary; James Jackson, secretary of Negro and Southern affairs; Hyman Lumer, educational director; Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, national field organizer; and Arnold Johnson, legislative secretary. Although approved as legislative secretary, Johnson is not a member of the national committee.

Right Wing Publicizing Its View on Hungarian Executions

At the last meeting of the national committee, the Party's right-wing leaders were unsuccessful in their attempt to gain official Party endorsement for a resolution condemning the execution of the leaders of the Hungarian rebellion. However, they are taking steps to bring their views on this issue to the attention of the rank-and-file members. Ben Dobbs, right-wing secretary of the Southern California district of the Party, has instructed that the next issue of this district's discussion bulletin include the resolution which was rejected by the national committee. In brief, this resolution states that the editorial justifying the executions which appeared in the June 29, 1958, issue of The Worker does not reflect the views of the Party's national committee. The resolution also sets forth that the executions were "in the words of British Communist and mine union leader Arthur Horner, 'needless folly.' "



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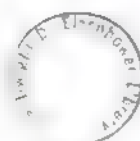
### COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

#### Soviet Anti-Semitism Still Troubling Party

Party leaders have been showing increasing concern over the effects of Soviet anti-Semitism on members of the Communist Party, USA. On her recent trip to the west coast, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, a member of the Party's national committee, found considerable dissatisfaction over this issue. In addition, the editors of Morning Freiheit, communist Yiddish-language newspaper published in New York City, have been insisting on the right to criticize the Soviet Union when they feel it is necessary. In an effort to resolve some of the problems which Soviet anti-Semitism has raised, a special subcommittee has been named. Its members are Benjamin Davis, who has been acting as chairman; Hyman Lumer; V. J. Jerome; Jack Stachel; and William Weinstone. This group plans to meet regularly with Party members who are of Jewish background in an effort to work out authoritative answers to the questions which are being raised by Party members over this issue.

#### Program Committee Arranges Schedule

The Party's program committee met recently in New York City to discuss plans for completing the draft program, now in preparation. It was agreed that all comments on the first version would be submitted by July 15, 1958. At that time, the members of the committee will be given definite assignments regarding the portions of the program for which they will be responsible. The separate reports on the major sections of the program will be submitted by November 15, 1958, and will be discussed by the membership until the end of the year. Based on the views developed during this discussion period, the program committee will begin preparation of the final version, which is expected to be completed by May 15, 1959. It will then be offered to the membership for further discussion in preparation for the Party's next national convention.



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Two New Party Publications Appear

Two new Party publications, designed for distribution within the Party districts which have been issuing them, have appeared in the recent past. In Ohio, the Party has been distributing a publication entitled Sparkplug. In Missouri, the publication of the Party is entitled Moving Forward.

Position of Ultraleft Faction Becoming Defined

As a result of documents which are being circulated by members of the ultraleft faction, the theoretical views of this group are becoming more clearly defined. They regard the program adopted at the Party's 16th National Convention as revisionist. In the trade-union field, they consider all noncommunist labor leaders as reactionary and are urging that they be unqualifiedly criticized by the Party as bureaucratic opportunists. Politically, the ultraleft faction is urging the Party to sponsor its own candidates, wherever possible, in the 1958 elections. With reference to the Negro question, the ultraleft faction is calling on the Party to reaffirm its slogan of self-determination for the Negroes in the "Black Belt." Under this proposal, the Negroes in the Southern States where they form the majority of the population would be given the right, if they so desired, to secede from the United States. The members of the ultraleft faction are also demanding that the Party call another national convention in the near future so that the Party can be reconstituted as a true Marxist-Leninist organization.

Ultraleft Faction Disagrees on Tactics

While the members of the ultraleft faction are generally agreed on these theoretical issues, they have divergent views on the tactics which should be adopted. Some members of this faction feel that they can transform the Party into a true Marxist-Leninist organization by continuing the ideological discussion within the Party. Other members of the ultraleft group favor a policy of strong criticism of the present Party leaders until the members of the ultraleft faction are expelled. Those who share this view feel that the hearings which would be required prior to their expulsions would afford a forum for their views. Should any expulsions actually result, the members of the ultraleft faction would then appear to be martyrs and, thereby, possibly gain additional support.



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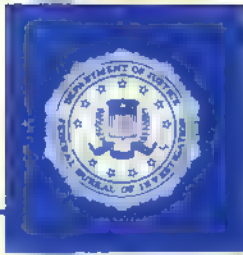
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### COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

#### National Committee Meets

The Party's national committee met at Yugoslav Hall, New York City, June 28-29, 1958. Only 35 members of the national committee were present, but a number of other Party leaders attended by invitation. As a security precaution, arrangements were made for those who attended to eat on the premises. The first report was delivered by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, who outlined the financial problems involved in the proposed transfer of Party headquarters from New York City to Chicago. After her report was discussed, the national committee voted to keep Party headquarters in New York City but to leave this issue open for future consideration.

#### Dennis Defends Execution of Leaders of Hungarian Revolt

Eugene Dennis then discussed recent international developments. He characterized the present French government of General Charles de Gaulle as fascist and reactionary. Dennis accused Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia of carrying on an anti-Soviet campaign, and he defended the recent execution of the leaders of the Hungarian rebellion. Dennis also criticized the United States for allegedly delaying a summit conference. He urged Party leaders to participate actively in all phases of the struggle to ban the future testing of nuclear weapons.

#### Thompson Offers Encouraging Picture of Party

Dennis was followed by Robert Thompson, who discussed the present status of the Party. Thompson emphasized that continuous progress was being made in efforts to eliminate factionalism. While warning that revisionism is still the main danger in the Party, Thompson also pointed

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out that the ultraleft faction had developed a following in New York City, Chicago, and Philadelphia. He urged that a concerted effort be made to contact inactive Party members to persuade them to resume their Party activities and to subscribe to The Worker. Thompson concluded by expressing his faith in the future of communism in America.

Objections Raised to Reports of Dennis and Thompson

Several of the Party's right-wing leaders objected to the reports of Dennis and Thompson. Steve Nelson and Dorothy Healey criticized Dennis for justifying the execution of the leaders of the Hungarian rebellion and for excluding Yugoslavia from the socialist camp. Healey also objected to Thompson's report because of its lenient view of the ultraleft faction. Louis Weinstock and James Jackson supported the views of Dennis and Thompson.

Party's Labor Program Still under Discussion

Sam Kushner opened the session on the second day with a report on the Party's labor program. He pointed out that the report was still in its early draft stages and that it represented a synthesis of a number of differing viewpoints. Most of the comments on Kushner's report consisted of suggestions for improving the draft before it was prepared in final form and submitted to the membership for discussion. Greater emphasis on independent political activity by the labor movement, the possibility of increased unemployment, and racial discrimination against Negroes in industry were among the points which it was suggested should be afforded greater emphasis.

Jackson Reports on Negro Question

Following the discussion on the Party's labor program, James Jackson gave a special report on racial segregation in the Southern States. He urged that legal action be taken against Governor Orval E. Faubus of Arkansas and Federal Judge Harry J. Lemley for their parts in the current controversy over racial segregation in the educational system in Little Rock.



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He urged that pressure be brought to bear on the Department of Justice to further the interests of Negroes. Jackson suggested that noncommunist Negro leaders be encouraged to organize nationwide demonstrations to protest the alleged violations of the civil rights of Negroes. His report was adopted unanimously.

Right Wing Suffers Defeat

Jackson's report was followed by a discussion of a resolution prepared by Simon Gerson and Al Richmond. This resolution, which was decided upon at a caucus of right-wing leaders prior to the national committee meeting, called on the Party to express its disapproval of the execution of the leaders of the Hungarian rebellion. In effect, it constituted a rejection of the report of Eugene Dennis on the previous day. After a heated discussion, both Dennis' and Thompson's reports were approved and the resolution of Gerson and Richmond was defeated. However, it was agreed that a summary of the discussion on this issue would appear in the Party's theoretical publication, Political Affairs, in the near future.

Four New Members Elected to National Executive Committee

The next issue discussed was the election of the remaining members of the Party's national executive committee. Although there are six vacancies, it was agreed that only four additional members would be elected at this time. The Party's current leaders decided not to raise the national executive committee to its full strength because of the possibility that some of those elected might turn out to be critical of the recent execution of the leaders of the Hungarian revolt. Anton Krchmarek, Carl Winter, Claude Lightfoot, and Burt Nelson were then elected to the national executive committee.



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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

Move to Chicago Facing Further Delay

The agenda for the forthcoming meeting of the Party's full national committee has been enlarged to include a discussion of the proposal to transfer the Party's national headquarters from New York City to Chicago. This proposal has been under discussion since it was approved by the Party's 16th National Convention in 1957. However, the Party's national leaders in New York City have been using every means possible to delay the move. They have already arranged for one of the national committee members from Illinois to propose to the full national committee that the move be delayed for financial reasons, and are confident that this motion will be approved.

California Elections Encourage Party and Trotskyites

Both the Communist Party, USA, and the Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party (SWP) have been encouraged by the outcome of the campaign of Holland Roberts for election as California State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Although Roberts' bid for election was unsuccessful, he has already received over 350,000 votes, with the final results not expected until September, 1958. During his campaign, Roberts spoke over 13 radio stations, and he appeared on television in Los Angeles and San Diego. In addition, over 180,000 pieces of literature were distributed in connection with his campaign. The SWP found additional gratification in the fact that the Communist Party, USA, was maneuvered into accepting SWP support to the point where SWP members served on Roberts' campaign committee. Roberts, who was not publicly identified as a communist, ran on a nonpartisan ticket as a socialist coalition candidate. The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Expulsion of Ultraleft Members in Illinois Probable

Party leaders in Illinois have established a trial board to consider the expulsion of three members of the ultraleft faction who were implicated in the recent controversial election in the Party's South Side section. They will be charged with factional activity, distorting the decisions of the Illinois district leaders, campaigning against the Party's district and national leaders, and failing to follow the decisions of the Party's 16th National Convention. Representatives of the ultraleft faction have countered by demanding that this case be considered at the next meeting of the Party's national committee. The latest article by Chairman Emeritus William Z. Foster, the leader of the left-wing faction in the Party, is indicative of the rising concern among all Party leaders over the activities of the ultraleft faction. Foster's article, which analyzes the current status of the Party, describes the ultraleft faction as "a serious danger which must be fought vigorously by the Party."

Party Defeated in United Socialist Electoral Conference

Party leaders are disappointed over the outcome of the recent conference of socialist-oriented organizations in New York City. Representatives of the Party who attended urged the selection of a single candidate, preferably for the office of United States Senator, who would campaign on a peace platform. The conference voted in favor of a slate of independent socialist candidates for the major state offices, and a canvass is now being made for acceptable candidates. On the adoption of this proposal, which was supported by the SWP, the representatives of the Communist Party, USA, withdrew from the conference. However, Party leaders are still prepared to participate in additional discussions regarding the possibility of united action with other socialist groups in the 1958 elections in New York State.

Trotskyite Attacks on Party To Be Intensified

Encouraged by their victory at this conference, the leaders of the SWP plan to change their tactics with regard to the Communist Party, USA. Recent SWP criticism of communist tactics has been comparatively mild due to SWP efforts to recruit disillusioned communists. In the future, the SWP plans to concentrate on gaining additional members from other socialist-oriented organizations and to intensify its attacks on the current pro-Soviet leadership of the Communist Party, USA.

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### **COMMUNIST PARTY, USA**

#### **Agenda Set for National Committee Meeting**

Party leaders have finally determined the agenda for the meeting of the full national committee, June 28-29, 1958. Reports will be given on recent international and national political developments, the Party's policy in connection with the labor movement, and the present status of the Party. The six additional members to the Party's national executive committee will also probably be elected. Some consideration was given to postponing this meeting until the latter part of July, 1958, to allow time for additional preparations. However, contact with district leaders throughout the country indicated that they had already made plans to attend the meeting as originally scheduled and that any postponement would create additional hardships. All delegates who attend will be assessed \$75 to cover the cost of this meeting.

#### **Midwest Newsletter under Discussion**

Carl Winter and Sam Kushner, Party leaders in Michigan and Illinois respectively, have been discussing the possibility of issuing a newsletter dealing with trade-union matters in the Midwestern States. Present plans are that this newsletter will consist of four pages and, while concentrating on the automotive industry, will also include material on other labor matters in the Midwest. In addition to articles prepared locally, the newsletter will include reprints of pertinent articles from The Worker. While the newsletter will appear irregularly, every effort will be made to distribute at least one issue each month. An initial printing of 3,000 copies is planned.

#### **Ultraleft Members in Chicago Suspended**

Members of the ultraleft faction were recently voted into office in the Party's South Side section in Chicago. This election was held in spite of



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a warning by Claude Lightfoot, Party chairman in Illinois, that it would not be considered valid. Shortly after the election, the Illinois district board of the Party recommended the suspension of 18 and the expulsion of three Party members who participated in the election. The suspended members, in turn, have called on the Party's national headquarters to take disciplinary action against Lightfoot and the Illinois district board for violating the Party's constitution. Illinois Party leaders realize the dubious validity of the suspension but hope that this action will discourage future factional activity by members of the ultraleft faction.

Chicago Suspensions Cause Widespread Repercussions

The majority of the 18 members suspended were white. However, the Negroes who were suspended were prominently involved. Since the suspensions, several Negro members in New York City have contacted the Party's national leaders to protest the action of the Illinois district board. These Negro members pointed out that previous mass expulsions of Negroes in New York City and in New Jersey have never been satisfactorily resolved. Officially, the Party's national leaders have refused to enter the dispute until the action taken by the Illinois district board is completed. Unofficially, however, they have been bringing pressure to bear on Claude Lightfoot in an effort to limit the scope of the disciplinary action. Lightfoot has been advised that this issue has caused repercussions in other Party districts, and he has been urged to exercise caution and tolerance to facilitate the handling of this case by the Party's national headquarters.

COMMUNIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO (PCP)

Dissolution of PCP May Be Delayed

Officials of the PCP have now decided that the decision to dissolve the Party's central committee was premature, and this body has been re-established. In addition, the PCP in the San Juan metropolitan area has recently been reorganized. These developments probably mean that no further steps will be taken in the immediate future to disband the PCP.

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### COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

#### New Members of National Executive Committee Considered

Efforts are now being made by the Party's national leaders to line up the six additional members who will be elected to the Party's national executive committee at the next meeting of the full national committee, June 28-29, 1958. Eugene Dennis, while in Chicago to attend the Party's recent midwestern regional conference, conferred with Claude Lightfoot and Carl Winter, who agreed to become members of the national executive committee. Other Party leaders whom the present members of the national executive committee favor for election to that body include Pettis Perry, Charlene Mitchell, and Burt Nelson, all from the west coast. Carl Winter has also been mentioned as the possible successor to Fred Fine, the Party's former national labor secretary. However, the fact that both Winter and Lightfoot declined to serve on the national executive committee when it was organized in February, 1958, may give rise to some opposition to their inclusion on this committee. Present plans are that the national executive committee will hold a one-day meeting on June 27, 1958, in preparation for the meeting of the full national committee.

#### The Worker Moves to Party Headquarters

On June 6, 1958, the editorial office of The Worker moved from 35 East 12th Street to 23 West 26th Street, New York City, the location of the Party's national headquarters. The staff of the paper plans to take over the basement and the first floor. As an additional economy measure, the Jefferson Book Store has also moved from its former location to the building in which the Party's national headquarters are located. The Jefferson Book Store is one of the Party's principal literature outlets in the New York City area.



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Hyman Lumer Touring Midwestern States

Hyman Lumer, who has been directing the Party's educational program, is now touring Party districts in the Midwestern States. Since attending the midwestern regional conference in Chicago, May 24-25, 1958, Lumer has visited St. Louis and Minneapolis. Before returning to New York City, he plans to visit Milwaukee. During meetings with Party members in these areas, Lumer has emphasized that the Party will soon begin distributing an increased number of leaflets, periodicals, and books. He has also predicted that Marxist schools will be opened in New York and California during the Fall of 1958.

MARXIST SPLINTER GROUP ACTIVITY

Merger of Two Socialist Groups Temporarily Delayed

At its recent convention in Detroit, the Socialist Party-Social Democratic Federation (SP-SDF) approved a proposal to permit the Independent Socialist League (ISL) to unite, as an organization, with the SP-SDF. However, the members of the SP-SDF who are opposed to the merger gained sufficient signatures to a petition which will require a referendum vote by the SP-SDF membership on whether or not the merger should proceed. This referendum vote is expected to be completed within 60 days. The ISL national committee has already voted to take the necessary steps to complete the merger, pending the outcome of the referendum. The ISL has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

COMMUNIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO (PCP)

PCP May Disband

The central committee of the PCP has voted to dissolve itself. Present indications are that the PCP may disband in the near future, and, in its place, organize a Marxist study group. Should the PCP dissolve, its members plan to meet regularly to continue their study of Marxism-Leninism and to discuss issues of general interest in Puerto Rico. The PCP is a separate communist party, not a district of the Communist Party, USA.

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

New York State Elections Pose Problems for Party

Leaders of the New York State Party organization are still undecided on over-all policy in connection with the November, 1958, elections in New York State. Consideration is now being given to the possibility of sponsoring a Party candidate, possibly Benjamin Davis, for some state office. Davis is a member of the Party's national committee. Party support for the proposed united, independent, socialist ticket will probably depend on whether or not Corliss Lamont will be one of the candidates of this group. Lamont, who has been a generous contributor to communist causes since the 1930's, is becoming disturbed over the publicity regarding the prominent role of the Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in organizing the independent, socialist ticket. Lamont has already indicated that he will not be a candidate for governor and that he may not run for any office. If he declines to run, the Communist Party, USA, will probably refuse to support the united, socialist slate of candidates. There is, however, general agreement among the leaders of the New York State Party that every effort must be made to insure the re-election of Adam Clayton Powell to the United States House of Representatives from the Harlem area of New York City. Powell, a Negro clergyman, was recently refused the nomination of the Democratic Party. The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Party Pressing Drive To Sell Robeson's Book

Party leaders are pressing their campaign to insure the sale of 100,000 copies of Paul Robeson's book, Here I Stand. Robeson, the well-known



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Negro singer, has been associated with communist causes for years. All Party districts have been ordered to make this drive a "major organizational effort" and have been assigned quotas over and above the number of copies they have sold to date. Special emphasis will be placed on the sale of Robeson's book to Negroes through newsstands and bookstores, as well as through trade-union, religious, and student groups. Party districts are being encouraged to arrange for short-term loans, if necessary, in order to take advantage of the discount which is being given for orders in sizable quantities.

Party To Intensify Activity in Railroad Industry

Party members employed in the railroad industry met recently in New York City to lay the groundwork for a reorganization of the Party's apparatus in this industry. It was agreed that the first step in this connection would be to improve liaison among Party members throughout the country who are employed in the railroad industry. The New York State Party organization has allocated \$1,000 to cover additional organizational activity. The possibility of holding a national conference, probably in Cleveland or Chicago, is now under discussion. The purpose of this conference would be to coordinate Party activity in the railroad industry on a nationwide basis. Party activity in the railroad industry will be coordinated in New York City temporarily. However, present indications are that Chicago may eventually become the center of this phase of Party activity.

SOVIET EMBASSY ACTIVITIES

Circulation of USSR Encourages Soviet Embassy Officials

Officials of the Soviet Embassy have been encouraged by American acceptance of their monthly publication, USSR. Over 18,000 subscriptions are now in effect, and, since January, 1958, there has been an increase in the sale of the publication at newsstands. The Soviet Embassy plans to send a complimentary copy of USSR to approximately 1,000 libraries throughout the country in an effort to obtain additional subscriptions.

